

10 JUN 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Current Interest Items

1. Proposed Increase in PL 53 Slots

Mr. Houston has asked us to supply him with material which would help to support a possible request for legislation to increase the number of PL 53 slots. [] has also been asked by Mr. Houston to supply supporting material on [] need for retired military personnel; [] has discussed this request with [] and indicated that he would forward his memorandum to Mr. Houston through this office.

[] has also discussed with [] his desire to have priority given to [] in using any PL 53 "vacancies" which occur. However, [] advised him that there was not much turnover in this group and that even with a priority given to [] this might not necessarily meet their needs. He suggested recall to active duty as an alternative means for obtaining retired officers in the categories of interest to [] if their requirements could not be met with available PL 53 slots. (Such officers could be returned to retired status and appointed as civilian if and when PL 53 slots became available.)

2. Naval Academy JOT's

[] USNA graduates who were physically disqualified for commission have been scheduled for polygraph interviews and, assuming satisfactory results, will enter on duty with provisional clearances on 17 June.

3. Increased In-Hire Rates for Scientists and Engineers

The Civil Service Commission is making a survey to determine whether higher entrance salaries are required for recruiting scientists and engineers in GS-9 through GS-17. If higher rates are approved (and we predict that they will be), personnel already on duty in these categories will also receive the higher rates.

It may be that some of the people whom we have appointed at higher rates on an individual case basis will already be receiving the same or higher salaries than a general adjustment would provide and, consequently, would not get a salary increase. However, even they would receive some benefit because of the effect of a general adjustment on the waiting period for merit step increases. For example, if the general entrance rate for a GS-12 chemist went up to step 3, a chemist appointed at step 4 would not receive a salary increase. However, since step 3 would then become step 1 for his category, he would be eligible for a merit step increase in one year instead of two years.

4. Blood Donors

The Bloodmobile made its June visit on Tuesday, 4 June, and 157 pints of blood were collected. Added to previous credits of 1,157 pints, this gives us 1,314 against our goal of 1,300 pints for the January - June period. Since our "downtown" donor group is scheduled for 27 June at the D. C. center, we can expect some additional credits to carry us even farther over the goal.

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5. Savings Bond Campaign

Payroll data as of 6 June show 340 new subscribers and 98 allotment increases, a total of 438, since the start of the 1963 campaign.

6. Special Interest Applicant [redacted]

[redacted] has been scheduled for a polygraph interview at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, 20 June.

7. Personnel Research - Meeting with CSC Representative

Mr. Albert Maslow of the Program Planning Division at the Civil Service Commission has requested an appointment to discuss our current projects in personnel research and program planning. He indicated that Chairman John W. Macy had suggested this and that his general purpose was to see whether they might be helpful to us, to avoid divergent programs, and to avoid duplication of effort. Mr. Echols and [redacted] will meet with Mr. Maslow but will keep the discussion on a general level until we are more certain of the particular areas of Mr. Maslow's interest and concern. We will report further on this subject after the meeting with Mr. Maslow.

8. Quality Step Increases

Eight quality step increases were approved during the week, bringing the total to 39. The grade range for these eight was GS-6 through GS-15. Three were in DD/P (Central Cover), four in DD/I, and one in DD/S [redacted] Deputy Chief, Clinical Division, Medical Staff).

9. Conversion to Part-Time Status [redacted]

The Air Force Finance Center has notified us that [redacted] can receive retired pay for any days he does not work for us. Consequently, [redacted] is converting to part-time status with a regular tour of duty on Wednesday and Friday of each week. We will be required to send the Air Force monthly reports of the number of days he works.

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Acting Director of Personnel

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